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March 20.—Winter term ends, Tuesday.
Spring vacation of two weeks.
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June 19.—Annual Examination begins, Tuesday.
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## EDITORIALS.

WHO will be the successor of the late Chief Justice Waite is a question attracting considerable attention at present in national political circles. Prominently mentioned for this position is the Hon. Edward J. Phelps, U. S. Minister to England and an honored graduate of Middlebury. Comparatively unknown to the general public outside of Vermont until his appointment to the Court of St. James, his splendid success as America's representative at the most critical court in Europe has proved the wisdom of the President's choice and given him a reputation throughout the country as enviable even as he has ever enjoyed at home. Living in the one-sided State of Vermont, he never took a very active interest in politics, though as candidate for governor in 1880, he received the largest vote polled by his party since the war.

For many years he has filled the chair of Kent Professor of Law in Yale, and it is safe to say that his legal attainments are fully equal to those of any one thus far mentioned in connection with the future appointment. His address before the National Bar Association a few years since is probably the ablest exposition of the fundamental principles of our constitution and government ever delivered and well worth the careful perusal of every citizen. A gentleman of the highest personal character, as evinced by a remark made by him "that the true function of a lawyer is to administer not to pervert justice," a ripe scholar, a true statesman, a lawyer of remarkable ability and judicial temperament, he is in every way qualified for the exalted office with which political rumor has connected his name. The only possible objection that could be urged is that of age: but it should be remembered that Mr. Phelps has ever lived a strictly temperate life; there is every reason to believe that his mental and physical powers are less impaired by age and his capacity for work far greater than many a man who lacks ten years of the threescore mark; while it would be manifestly improper to appoint to a place of titular superiority over the associate justices, a man much younger than many of them, though of great ability. Should the President see fit to offer Mr. Phelps the vacancy upon the Supreme Bench, every loyal American could look upon his nomination and confirmation with unalloyed satisfaction and pride.

ONE result of the new sanitary regulations in Starr Hall, has been greatly to increase the daily duties of the janitor; hard and laborious as was his task before, it is now nearly doubled. When the reform was being considered it was said that some one else should carry the morning mail; but this has not been done and the amount of work now required of Mr. Bolton is unreasonable, to say the least; especially in view of the fact that up to the last term of his eighth year he has not lost a day.

THERE has been the usual delay in transferring the sanctum paraphernalia to the new incumbents, but once enrobed they signify their willingness to serve the paper as best they may. Across the table sits Ajax, the exchange editor, intent upon coloring his favorite meerschaum before the rosy tint shall appear upon the single facial component of Mercury, the personal editor, while Prometheus and Bacchus are scheming to blow up the state farm and village bridge that they may obtain news for the college paper.

During the last year an honest endeavor has been made to make the UNDERGRADUATE what it ought to be—a fit representative of our college and a "champion of her interests." The effort—thanks to the competitive system—has been crowned with success. Hence we must hesitate to depart from previous methods, and whatever changes we may introduce will be such as have been suggested or made possible by the prosperity of the editorial year just ended.

Upon the alumni are we dependent, and to size up their demand and meet it, is the *summum bonum* of the UNDERGRADUATE. Like a letter from home, it should serve as a reminder of the past, whose "fibres are always interwoven into the present." Now the average college graduate, be he lawyer, physician, clergyman, or business man, has little time, much less desire, to read long, so called literary articles. Occasionally he will do so, but it is only to obtain an idea of the work of the students. He will always regard such articles kindly, however, pondering long and well upon the possibilities of their authors, but, at most, they can never take the place of *news* relating to the college, such as personals, reminiscences of former students, communications from old classmates, an occasional poem upon the past environment of the college, etc. In truth such news constitutes the bone and marrow of the second college life. But in a small college like ours, to obtain as much news as our subscribers may desire is difficult. Hence we invite the co-operation of each alumnus. Some class or college mate has been raised to a position of honor. We shall be pleased to know it. Our columns are always open to the alumni, and communications will be most gratefully received.

In our relations with the college authorities, we shall maintain a conservative position, though convinced that the function of a college paper is to work *with*, not *under*, the faculty. As the organ of the students, it should generally be ready to voice their sentiments. The attitude of the majority—and in some cases that of the minority—toward a measure should find in its columns exact expression. Such expression, however, should never be coercive in nature, but impartial in tone, respectful in treatment, truthful in statement. Nor should editorial reflections be drawn from that temporary excitement characteristic of student life, but from the calm following.

It remains to say a word in regard to the competitive system, the precursor of our present prosperity, —exchanges join in the chorus, "No conceit there." Its good results are manifest in greater enthusiasm along literary lines and in the more copious material placed at the disposal of the UNDERGRADUATE. But the matter presented, though good enough perhaps for its kind, is not sufficiently varied. Too many articles are of a stereotyped nature, and not unfrequently the editors are called upon to execute burial at the public expense. There is no reason, much less excuse, for treading in these old ruts longer. Give us short pithy articles on current topics. Let us have an occasional novelette. If this be done we shall have a much better paper. In conclusion we hope that faithful work on our part may justify us in expecting the co-operation of faculty, alumni and students.

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TO take up a well-worn subject our ball nine, it can hardly be said that the present outlook of that organization is extremely encouraging. It may not be so satisfactory to some to consider a few unwelcome truths as to hug the delusive snare of hope, but it will be as productive of good results. The greater part of last term was spent in wrangling over the question of engaging a trainer, and when the men voluntarily went into training it was so late as to be of little benefit. To tell the truth and shame his satanic majesty, there is hardly a man in college in fit condition to play ball. Nor is this all. By reason of the small number of our students, enthusiasm must take the place of competition; the enthusiasm displayed thus far is certainly not greater than in previous years. The material from which to chose the nine is practically the same as a year ago; and there is no reason to believe that this season's practice work will

in any way surpass that of last. In short, the general condition of the nine was never poorer than at present. Judging the future by the past there is every probability that last summer's farces in the way of ball games will be repeated.

From a money point of view: The financial support of our team by the Athletic Association has ever been weak. Is it probable that it will do better in the future? Already it is painfully apparent that a majority of the students do not relish the idea of again paying for the privilege of seeing their nine badly beaten. The association is now in debt, and the question is very pertinent: Whence will come the wherewithal to pay for the trip of May 18? It is not our wish to discourage our players, nor to put a damper on interest in base ball matters; but is it not worth while to weigh these things in the balance of sober, careful consideration? Is it not logical to look before you leap and see if Middlebury will gain anything by entering the inter-collegiate league this year?

THE "vacation" allowed the Seniors just before commencement seems rather limited; aside from commencement week when all take a rest the actual time left is considerably less than two weeks; little enough for thorough drill of the coming speakers. If one, even two weeks more, as in many colleges, were given them it would take comparatively little from the class-room and add immensely to the attractiveness and enjoyment of commencement exercises in the way of much abler and more thoroughly prepared orations.

THE American college man is the ideal conservative. None clings so tenaciously to every usage hallowed by antiquity, none resents so bitterly the intrusion of new customs into his peculiar province. Undergraduate life is the stronghold of Toryism; and cane-rushes, hornings, hazing, with all the other time-honored ways, these are cherished with a blind devotion that has in it something of the ludicrous, but more of the admirable. Still,

> "That man's the best conservative
> Who lops the mouldered branch away;"

and, mindful of this, we must commend the class of '90 for its good taste in discontinuing the "Ram," for so many years the leading feature of Junior exhibition. The original intent was doubtless to expose, in all good nature, the weak points in the rival class; but while this was often fulfilled in the ridicule heaped upon the unhappy Juniors, too frequently the wit has degenerated into malicious lampoons on faculty and fellow-students alike. Such a publication can only be injurious to Alma Mater; and we congratulate the Sophomore class upon its good judgment in stopping, we trust forever, the course of the "Ram" through the moving constellations of the college sky. Peace to its memory!

We cannot refrain, in this connection, from a word of contrast. The Middlebury Sophomores pursued their plan spontaneously; but our Burlington neighbors required the awful example of the men who last year made an enforced departure from U. V. M.'s classic shades, before their scurrilous annual ceased. The University of Vermont is ever tardy in matters of reform; and we can only hope that the "State aid" so liberally given it may endow it and its students with broader ideas of progress, so that they will not need to be terrified into the line of march.

THOSE who have consulted the oracles predict the appearance of the Kaleidoscope about the first of June. We are informed that it is to contain, in addition to the usual attractions, a portrait of Prof. Parker. Nothing could be more appropriate, especially when we remember his life-long connection with our college. No doubt many an alumnus will recognize his portrait as that of one of the few men, whose tireless labor, profound scholarship, forgiving nature and Christian example, gave to the alumni of the olden time that solidity of interest, ever the precursor of the prosperity of our college.

IT is through the courtesy of the *University*, which we wish to acknowledge, that we are enabled to grace this number with a portrait of Hon. E. J. Phelps, a member of the class of 1840. We believe that nothing can be more appropriate than giving occasional portraits of the older alumni whose prominence is ever a living vindication of the efficient work of our college in the past. But our financial condition, though better than ever before, will not warrant us in having plates made at our own expense. There are doubtless many that know of cuts that we could use to advantage. *Any information along these lines will be most heartily received.*

HAS the past social life of Middlebury College never produced any songs? We think not, but in vain do we search for them in "Carmina Collegensia." We would suggest that the students appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to collect all our old songs, many of which exist in manuscript, and give them a more lasting form.

☞ The reply to "Why I am a Republican" will appear in the next number.

TRUTH.

*A Translation.*

[There is a dictum of Rossetti's regarding translation: "Thou shalt not turn a good poem into a bad one." If the appended stanzas come into the category of bad poems—and Chaucer modernized is for the most part poor stuff—the commandment has been broken; to have taken a piece of didactic clay and have breathed into it such a breath of lyric life as is felt in the original lines, is a triumph of poetic art. For those to whom they are unfamiliar, I have added the explanation of a few words, rare or well-nigh obsolete yet so integral a part of the original stanzas that I cannot bring myself to change them.]

FLEE from the press and dwell with soothfastness;
Let what thou hath suffice, though it be small—
For hoard hath hate and climbing ticklishness,
The crowd hath strife and wealth blinds most of all.
Savor no more than will be profitable;
Rule well thyself that other folk may read:
And truth shall thee deliver—there is no dread.

Fret not thyself all error to redress,
In trust of her that turneth as a ball;
Great rest is found in little business,
Therefore, beware to spurn against an awl;
Strive not as doth the pitcher with the wall;
Daunt thine own self, that dauntest others' deed:
And truth shall thee deliver—there is no dread.

That which is sent thee, take in cheerfulness;
The wrestling for the world invites a fall;
Here is no home, here is but wilderness;
Forth, pilgrim, forth! Forth, beast, from out thy stall!
Know thy true land! Look up! Thank God of all!
Hold the high way and let thy spirit lead:
And truth shall thee deliver—there is no dread.

Therefore, thou wretch, abandon misery
Unto the world; cease now to be a thrall;
His grace implore that of His goodness high
Made thee of nought; and specially of all,
Draw unto Him and pray in general
For thee and all mankind a heavenly meed:
And truth shall thee deliver—there is no dread.

NOTES.—Soothfastness—truth. Savor—enjoy, find pleasure in; Matt. xvi., 23. Dread—doubt. She that turneth as a ball—Fortune; cf. Enid's song, *Geraint and Enid*. Spurn against an awl—kick against the pricks. Daunt—challenge.

# LITERARY.

## VOTING POWER OF IGNORANCE.

MARK TWAIN tells the story of an Irishman, who left his native bogs and landed in New York. Proceeding up Broadway to Liberty street, he fell in with swarms of his countrymen, ready to make him welcome and give him good advice. In a very few days he was established in a lucrative employment, and lending a hand in the affairs of State. By day he carried a hod, while his evenings were spent in a neighboring saloon discussing the politics of his ward. His native genius soon found play. He was made policeman, which gave him power, then alderman, which gave him wealth, then mayor of the city, which gave him honor.

Mark Twain is not a reformer. His anecdote is intended only to amuse, yet its semblance to reality no one will deny. In the midst of our amusement we cannot help feeling uneasy, when we reflect that similar occurrences are not at all uncommon.

There is a constant influx of foreigners, illiterate, without love for our country, knowledge of its history, or interest in its liberties, to whom is given, after a short residence, a full share in its government. Paddy newly arrived meets a friend: "Well, Pat, and how will ye vote in the election?" "Hah," exclaims Pat, "and have ye a gover'ment here?" "We have that." "Then I'm agin it."

It has been computed that an average of one thousand immigrants per week landed at the port of Boston during the past year; at New York there was twice that number, and many more entered the open doors of Halifax and the Golden Gate. The gulf stream of humanity sweeps hitherward with a rising flood. The figures for last year were two hundred and twenty-three thousand men. These will become voters soon—too soon. Politicians will see that many are made so before November next. Is it true, as some think, that it would be as safe to place bayonets as ballots in the hands of these men?

During the last hundred years ten million foreigners found homes in the United States. The fact that almost every family coming to America wins success, because the conditions are favorable, becomes an invitation to others. The crowded peoples of the old world here find room.

There are the fickle French with ideas of revolution scarcely quieted; the socialistic Germans with their love of beer and Sabbath desecration; the nihilistic Austrians and Russians accustomed to military rule; the lazy Italians and the seditious Spaniards and Portugese.

Our population of foreign extraction is conspicuous in our criminal records. In 1880 thirteen per cent. of our population were foreigners, and they furnished thirty per cent. of our criminals. Better wages afford means to self-indulgence, the gratification of which is close at hand. Across the sea they suffer many restraints which are here removed. Illiteracy is prevalent among them, and it is usually by force of law alone that their children acquire that little learning, which has been called "a dangerous thing."

The country's safety demands the assimilation of these strange populations. Wendell Phillips said years ago: "A man with the ballot in his hand becomes the master of the situation. He defines his rights, and what he has not already, he takes. The ballot makes every class sovereign over its own fate. No power chains a voting class without its own consent."

How mighty is *the voting power of ignorance!* Of the *ten million* actual voters in the United States, *two millions* cannot write their names! Then there are two millions more, not classed as illiterate, who are nevertheless unable to form correct opinions. The majority of voters do not investigate thoroughly and cast their votes conscientiously. They are too apt to accept as truth the assertions of the newspapers they read and of the politicians who lead them.

Is there intelligence enough to control the ignorance? We are told there is. But how is this intelligence manifested? There is a faction called the liquor vote, another called the Catholic vote, and another called the Mormon vote. Immigration has created the German vote and the Irish vote for which our politicians bid. A mass of men, scarcely acquainted with our institutions, will act in concert, under the control of appetite and prejudice. No one will deny that there is a purchasable vote. "If my vote is worth anything," said one man, "it is worth five dollars, and I have just as good a right to receive that for it as I have to receive pay for my day's work."

There is still another dark element of ignorance—the negro vote. Unprincipled leaders fill the credulous minds of a once enslaved race with tales of a return to servitude. Actuated by alarm they vote as their tutors desire. Ten days previous to the local option strife in Atlanta, Georgia, the Liquor League held a meeting in New York. A cool calculation was made as to the cost of buying the negro vote. It was estimated at a dollar and a half for each voter, a total of $4500, and $500 for the man who was to "deliver the goods." Five thousand dollars as a thank offering upon the shrine of ignorance!

Alas for this voting power of ignorance. The axiom is not understood that "a vote that helps to elect an issue far outweighs a vote that simply helps to elect a man." The unthinking are constantly blindfolded. The success of a party is ofttimes assumed to be the exclusive means of securing the public weal. Oliver Wendell Holmes has given his opinion on this subject:

> "Blindness like that would scare the mole and bat
> If voting for our Tildens and Hayeses
> Means party fight, then Liberty, good night,
> Pack up your ballot-box and go to blazes."

Sometimes intelligent men have no rule or principle in regard to their elective franchise but to follow unquestioningly the dictates of a party. If so, what can be expected of ignorant men? They will be influenced by personal advantages; corruption will steal from them their independence; they will sell their sacred ballot to the highest bidder.

Says the New York Times, "The great underlying evil which paralyzes every effort to get good laws and to secure the enforcement of such as we have is the system of local politics, which gives the saloon keepers more power in our government than is possessed by all our religious and educational institutions." Says Joseph Cook, "There is a satanic criminal class that seeks to make illiteracy its political ally. What if the ignorant vote should be so tutored by the criminal class as to be be cast for the support of lawlessness?"

The young men of this country want to vote to a good purpose. They would cast their sacred ballots intelligently; they would counteract evil and ignorance. Give them *issues* and not *men*, give them *principles* and not *parties*.

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☞Of eleven of the best colleges, Princeton devotes the most time to Latin and Greek during the first two years. Yet her men are the best up in English. Is this an argument against the classics?

## THE DORMITORY.

FULL many a year among the trees
You've reared your weather-beaten walls,
And many a ghost of student glee
Still wanders through your ancient halls.

And if but power to speak you had,
You'd many a mirthful story tell
Of hornings, feasts and poker games,
Which lasted till the morning bell.

At other times you'd sing perchance
A mournful, sad and cheerless lay
Of "horses," "cribs" and aching heads,
When came examination day.

But still the checkered life goes on,
And still you stand among the trees,
And rear your cold, gray, storied walls
Filled with their throng of memories.

L. W. A.

## A SIDE VIEW FROM LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

ADIRONDACK MURRAY, to whom the wide popularity of the Adirondacks is in a large measure due, has lately been engaged, as a sort of second hobby, in directing the attention of nature-loving people to Lake Champlain. In neither case has he misdirected his talent. Men not liable to speak wrongly tell us that, in respect to the characteristics which attract summer tourists, Lake Champlain has a number which few resorts exceed. Be that as it may, she is beautiful, whether you view her from one of the near peaks of the Adirondacks, or while sailing on her bosom, or while floating in her waters —an enchanting picture which only a swimmer can see.

About fifty miles south of Burlington, or almost directly west of Midddlebury, the lake abruptly widens. It has quite the appearance of a large river flowing into the lake a half dozen miles from its head. It is on this peninsula, formed by the main lake and the large bay, that the fortifications of Crown Point are built. The advantages of this position may be readily seen. As a defence against an army coming from the south, the purpose for which it was originally intended, it was complete. The main body of water, coming from Lake George, is, up to this point, hardly more than a large river. Near the fort there is a slight curve in the lake which exposes it to guns for nearly two miles. Besides this, the channel is near the New York side.

The position is also an excellent one for defence against an army from the north. The shape of the lake would make one unacquainted with the facts think that the main body of water was what is only a large bay. Thus an army from the north would be easily lured into a trap formed by nature herself. Such, actually, was once the case; in fact, the bay takes its name from Gen. Bulwagga, whose army was destroyed on its waters. The United States government now has a light-house at this point, to prevent any such mistakes.

It might also be mentioned that between the fortifications and the light-house are evidences of a burying-ground. Such, however, is the disregard of the present for by-gone heroes, that this to-day makes a first-class ball-ground for Sunday players, forbidden to play within the village limits.

But to come to the fort itself; there are earthworks thrown up in the form of a pentagon. The main body, as it were the foundation, is, of course, built of stone. They rise about twenty feet above the surrounding ground. A ditch, thirty feet in depth, runs all about on the outside. When in use this was filled with water. As a further protection against assault, on the inner side of the earth-works and near the top, there were rifle pits. At each angle of the pentagon were juts, so as to give storage room for powder and provisions.

But the main part of the fortifications were barracks, three in number, arranged like the sides of an equilateral triangle, but with an opening at each angle equal in length to one-third of one of the barracks. These were made of blue limestone and have much the appearance of Painter Hall, if one can imagine the framework of its doors and windows charred. At least one-third of the material either has disappeared into the buildings of the vicinity or has been made into lime.

One cannot help thinking as he looks upon such a vast work, the pit into which millions have been sunk, that it was a pity its builders could not have known there was no need of it. If they could only have foreseen that no engagement would ever take place there, or that no bad result, even, would be prevented by their vast labor! And who shall say that our work will bring better results? Who knows but that our own life work and that of a thousand of our fellow-laborers may benefit the future man in no better sense than in providing him a retreat wherein he may play ball Sunday?

[From Emerson.]

HAPPINESS.

YOU hear the voices of returning friends;
Your sick perchance are raised from beds of pain;
Success has crowned your efforts in the world;
Then happy days you think are come again.

Believe it not! Trust not in fortune's wheel!
Think you from such as these real joys will spring?
No lasting peace there is but in yourself;
Triumphant right alone can quiet bring.

L. W. A.

## LETTER FROM EGYPT.

### CHEOPS.

THE road leading from Cairo to the pyramids of Ghizeh is perhaps a little disappointing to some, because the roughness does not make it necessary to go by camel or donkey. On the contrary, the road is wide, finely macadamized, and lined with acacias on each side, so that it is an exceedingly pleasant drive. It was constructed by the Khedive in 1868 on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales and party. Passing through the new portion of Cairo the Kasr-el-Nil is reached, the new iron bridge over the Nile. At 12 o'clock it opens to allow the passage of boats up and down and at 2 o'clock shuts again. Meantime, there has been collecting a large crowd waiting for the bridge and a curious scene is presented. Scores of camels are here, that have been in to market with their dusky, turbaned riders sitting patiently upon their backs and chewing the much-loved sugar-cane; donkeys and donkey boys—a feature never wanting on any and every corner; venders of all sorts of vegetables of a decidedly doubtful looking character, but dear to the Arab's heart, who is not so particular about a little dirt. In striking contrast with these humble people are the gorgeous carriages with the gaily dressed runners, or Sais, as they are called, standing near and resting for the while on their staff of office. The red coats of the English soldiers are mingled in with the rest and Europeans are all well represented. So, it is a picture not soon forgotten and travelers make it a point to see the Kasr-el-Nil at this time in the day.

Passing on with this promiscuous crowd, the pyramids are soon exposed to view, and observations as to their size immediately ensue. Whether they are as large as reputed and whether they appear as large here as there, etc. To me they seemed always immense, from whatever standpoint. There was no tinge of disappointment in gazing upon these historic structures. Their brown outline against the blue sky, the barren desert stretching out beyond in each direction, the palm trees in the foreground, reflected in the water—this picture, so often represented, is now realized and to the fullest point. Cheops stands out in front, Cephren near by and almost as large, with several smaller pyramids grouped about.

Arriving upon the spot there are a host of Arabs—or, more properly, Bedouins—gathered here, who, living in a village near by, claim the right of assisting people about and they perform their privilege with a vengeance. An old sheik is at their head who assumes a slight management of affairs. The question arises, whether to go up the pyramid. Now, to me, Egypt and the pyramids have always been identical. I never thought of one without the other and the idea of my coming to Egypt and not ascending the big pyramid and going inside and all about would be ridiculous, so up I must needs go. This being the decision, assistants were not wanting. I remarked that two would be a great sufficiency to help me up. "Oh, no," they said, "you must have one more to push," and they would have doubtless proposed duties for several more, but I insisted that three were ample. So up we started. The two who pulled I made of a good deal of assistance, but the third did little except to grunt for me, for which, however, he expected just as much backsheesh. Half way up we pau ed for a rest. Then I discovered that several more Arabs were following. A fourth man sat down and began to rub my shins vigorously. "What is this man doing here?" I asked. "Oh! he is the doctor," I was informed. More backsheesh. Next a water carrier stepped up with water. More backseesh. So, with the rest of the Arabs, who are bound to follow, each one is attended by quite a retinue. It is best however, to remain good natured, as one does not ascend Cheops every day. And these Arabs are pretty good fellows, too, in spite of some faults. They kept hold of me well and I feel obliged to them for not dropping me over.

As you slowly proceed, mounting the great steps, one by one, and see above and below you tier after tier of similar steps, until their number seems endless; as you look upon the huge blocks of stone of which each terrace is composed, and consider the energy required in lifting one block to its proper position, then a slight idea dawns upon you of the immensity of the

work. Reflecting upon its solidity, you wonder no longer, that it has thus withstood the ravages of time and it verily seems that its thousands of years might yet be but a beginning to what it could endure.

"Everything fears time,
But time fears the pyramids."

Human hands would have done more to aid in their demolition, except that even to destroy them would require the fortune of a Crœsus.

At the top, the Arabs give a bound and shout hooray with much satisfaction and leave you for a quarter of a minute—not more—while you take a look.

The Nile valley, bounded by the desert on each side, with the sparkling river in its midst, lies before you and forms a picture, a description of which only a connoisseur need attempt. Off to the south are the pyramids of Sakkarai and below them lies oid Memphis. Then stretched out in greenest verdure is the plain, where Moses rose up and said unto Pharaoh, "Let my people go." At such a time, where such historic associations surround you, it is entirely proper to sink into a litttle reverie and romance a bit, perhaps. But you cannot do it. No, these miserable Arabs (you see, now they amuse and now provoke) are at you and want to sell some veritable antiquities; these coins (which look as if they had been made to order in England) they would like you to purchase to remember them by, and from the deep folds in their garments they produce an amazing quantity of truck, to all of which they ascribe the one designation—antique.

It is a usual thing to do, to send an Arab down Cheops and up Cephren, he to accomplish the feat in less than ten minutes for four shillings, and he always succeeds. His bare feet never slip and he shins down the first, trots across the intervening space and appears at the top of the second in triumph. Cephren still has the casing stones at the top, which make it peculiarly difficult of ascent.

Descending the pyramid, the Arabs sing, or rather chant, snatches of familiar songs to entertain you; Jack and Jill and Humpty-Dumpty seemed to be favorites of my quartette. It is surprising how much English these fellows pick up. One is able to carry on quite a conversation with them.

I feel somewhat inclined to be severe upon the inside of the pyramid. The galleries are very steep and slippery, and in spite of the sure-footed guides, it is no easy matter to climb about. There are places where it is necessary to crawl on hands and knees in order to get through, the air is stifling, and, finally, there is little to be seen. The king's chamber is interesting on account of the enormous stones which cover it, and here, as well as in the galleries, you can observe that remarkable nicety with which all of these huge blocks were put together.

A sense of relief comes over you as you emerge into open air once more, and, I think, most believe that they will not repeat the trip inside.

Another struggle with the Arabs in regard to the amount of backsheesh, and you hasten off to the Sphynx.

## MIDDLEBURY MEN IN BOSTON.

### ANNUAL REUNION AT YOUNG'S HOTEL.

THE Middlebury College alumni of Boston and vicinity held its annual reunion at Boston April 3. At the business meeting the following officers were chosen: President, Rev. Thomas J. Sawyer, D. D.; vice-president, Sumner Albee, Esq.; secretary, Rev. J. W. Atwood; treasurer, Geo. W. Ware, Jr.; executive committee, Geo. W. Ware, Jr., E. W. Howe, G. H. Remele, C. G. Farwell. Prof. E. H. Higley presided at the dinner, at which there were present President Ezra Brainerd, A. M., Professors W. W. Eaton and J. M. Paton; Rev. Thomas J. Sawyer, D.D., Dean of Tufts college; Rev. L. H. Sheldon, Mr. Sumner Albee, Prof. Shipman, Rev. G. W. Brooks, Hon. Baxter E. Perry, G. H. Remele, Dr. E. M. Parker, Dr. E. H. Baxter, Rev. S. Phelps, Rev. R. B. Tobey, Rev. J. W. Atwood, Mr. E. W. Howe, Mr. C. G. Farwell and G. W. Ware, Jr.

The opening address of the post-prandial exercises was made by Prof. E. H. Higley. He said that our colleges, like those of England, were originally placed away from large commercial centres, ever productive of urbane conformity. Middlebury college because of its location has been able to do efficient work in directing the vigor of country boys.

Liberal applause greeted the next speaker, Pres. Ezra Brainerd, who said that we need plenty of Vermont colleges for Vermont boys. Our past success is evidenced by the fact that many Western colleges have as professors graduates of Middlebury college.

Rev. Dr. Sawyer remarked with pleasure the growth of co-education. The surplus in the U. S. Treasury

could well be used in establishing more co-educational colleges. There is no need of placing boys and girls on opposite sides of a mountain. Speaking of the advantages of a liberal education the Doctor said: "I have an idea that an educated man can do servile work, as it is termed, and do it better than an ignorant man. I have seen an Irishman strike a stone twenty times with his pick, when, if he had had any brains, he would have turned the point of his pick three inches to the right or left and loosened the stone with a single blow. But an educated man not only does his own work better, but he inspires those around him."

Rev. L. H. Sheldon spoke, with characteristic humor, of his search for fossils in Vermont, and paid a fitting tribute to John G. Saxe, who was his seat-mate.

Rev. Rufus B. Tobey said the college had been a great blessing to many poor boys, unable to attend larger colleges.

Prof. Eaton denied the statement of a prominent educator that small colleges are an injury to the cause of education. The college is doing better work for its capacity than the larger institutions.

Prof. Shipman of Tufts believed that the college did not make the man, but gave the inspiration to better endeavors.

Prof. Paton said that the students were anxious to learn and that the best relations existed between faculty and students.

Rev. Lawrence Phelps said Middlebury college was not unfavorably to be compared with any other. Her men have been gentlemen of sound and complete culture. I have never heard that a Middlebury graduate has dishonored his alma mater.

Letters of regret were received from Joshua Bates, LL. D., Dr. J. D. Wickham, the oldest living graduate of Yale college and Senior Trustee of Middlebury college; Chas. T. Starr, Esq., Geo. N. Boardman, LL. D., Prof. Wm. H. Parker, Prof. Henry M. Seely, M. D., Hon. S. A. Walker, Hon. Walter C. Dunton, Hon. Wm. H. Walker, Hon. Aldace F. Walker, Hon. Geo. Z. Erwin, ex-Speaker of the Assembly of New York State; Hon. L. D. Eldredge, Hon. J. B. Jermain, Hon. Columbus Smith, Gen. James M. Warner, Rufus Wainwright, Esq., Rev. Rufus C. Flagg, Rev. C. C. McIntire, Preston Sheldon, M. D., C. C. Bixby, Esq., J. M. Mallory, Rev. Chas. H. Rowley, H. R. Dorr, Esq., Rev. Endicott Peabody, Alva C. Peck, Esq., Edward Dana, Esq., S. B. Cady, Esq., and T. C. Miller, Esq.

## OBITUARY.

### DAVID GRISWOLD HOOKER.

The friends of Middlebury College, who remember David G. Hooker, will be saddened to hear of his sudden death in Jacksonville, Fla., where he was visiting. He graduated from this college in 1853. Three years later, having chosen the profession of law, he was admitted to the bar. He was a native of Poultney, but like many another ambitious young man, he "went west" and began practicing his profession in Milwaukee, Wis. The uprightness of his character soon gained for him the esteem of the community. The confidence of his fellow-citizens was manifested in his election to the office of city attorney in 1867 and to the office of mayor of the city in 1872. He was a valuable man in any enterprise and held several positions of trust. He was considered a man of exceptional bodily vigor; his habits also were thrifty and he had accumulated a large estate. He was a prominent Mason and intelligently interested in public affairs. The telegram announcing his sudden death states that he died of heart disease. Mr. Hooker was traveling south for the purpose of benefitting his daughter's health. They had not been away from home more than three weeks, and he had left in apparently the best of health. Mr. Hooker was twice married, the present Mrs. Hooker being a daughter of the Rev. William Bliss Ashley. He leaves six children, three sons and three daughters. One of his sons, Edward H. Hooker, is practicing law in the city of Milwaukee while the other sons are away attending school.

### FRANKLIN SPENCER JUNE.

Franklin Spencer June was born at Brandon, Vt., Aug. 17, 1856. His early life was spent upon his father's farm and at 18 he entered Brandon High school. Graduating from there, he entered Middlebury college in 1877. During his college course he led a quiet, studious life and was always a favorite among his fellow-students. During this time he became a member of the Brandon Congregational

church. Graduating from Middlebury in 1881, he decided to enter the ministry. He spent his first year of theological study in the Union Theological seminary of Chicago and finished his course at the Hartford Theological seminary. In 1884 he began his ministry at Corning, Iowa, from which place he accepted a call to Charles City in the same State in January, 1887.

At Burlington, Iowa, in December, 1884, Mr. June was married to Cornelia S. Merrill. The result of this union was one son, now aged a little over one year.

On Wednesday, the 14th of March, 1888, he was taken ill with what proved to be peritonitis and after a sickness of four days expired at 8 a. m. on Monday.

It is impossible to estimate the immense loss to his church and to the world, of one so active, so zealous, so able morally and physically and with so great apparent expectancy of years of usefullness. His people will long mourn a most beloved pastor, and a devoted Christian friend.

### MRS. MARY (MARSH) ALLEN.

Mrs. Mary (Marsh) Allen, wife of Dr. J. Adams Allen, class of 1845, and President of the Rush Medical College of Chicago, died at her home in Chicago April 21, aged 65 years. The deceased was born in Brattleboro, Vt., and was long and favorably known in this community. She was a lady of estimable qualities and her loss will be seriously felt.

### MRS. ELLEN (RANDALL) DUNTON.

Mrs. Ellen (Randall) Dunton, wife of W. H. Dunton of Rutland, died at the home of the family April 21, after a long and painful illness. The funeral was attended on Tuesday. Among the floral decorations were handsome flowers from the class of '89 of the college, of which Mr. W. K. Dunton, a son of the deceased, is a member. Mrs. Dunton was a most estimable woman, whose loss will be deeply felt not only by the intimate friends in Rutland but in this county.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

[The editors do not assume responsibility for any articles in this column. Its sentiments, however, are open to editorial criticism.]

*Editor of the Undergraduate:*

Sometime in the latter part of the fall term, or early in the winter term, there was posted on the bulletin board an edict by the professor having the rhetoricals in charge, decreeing that thereafter partisan orations could not be delivered in chapel. Yet this edict seems to have been obeyed by professor and student about as much as the President has regarded the principles of Civil Service. At the first rhetorical of this term an oration was delivered which in the minds of unprejudiced students could be termed anything but non-partisan. The article in queston, though perhaps excellent from a literary view, was rank in its bitter partisanship both in word and in spirit. Or was it non-partisan simply because its title was apparently fair? Is it not to be supposed that the order referred to intended to rule out partisan articles and not partisan titles? If persons of different political views are allowed to give expression to those views without fear or favor, it may be a question whether they should not be allowed to speak. But I do not criticise this regulation in the least; if fair for one so for the other. But the question is, has the order referred to fallen into "inocuous disuetude," and is the old order of things to return? The departure from it was certainly strange.

## PERSONALS.

[Information in regard to our Alumni is kindly solicited of all friends of the college. Notice will be given in our personal column to all communications regarding the same.]

'38. Dr. Byron Sunderland is in feeble health. He will endeavor, however, to be present at commencement.

'40. Hon. E. J. Phelps, Minister to England, has arrived and intends to remain in this country till June 13, on which date he has engaged a return passage. This shows that he does not expect to go into the Cabinet or upon the Supreme Court Bench, but to remain at the Court of St. James as long as political matters do not interfere.

'42. Dr. Charles L. Allen read a thesis at the an-

nual meeting of the Rutland Medical Club April 27. He took for his subject "Microbes, or the Germ Theory of Disease." It was a studied treatment of a rather complex subject and abounded in useful information.

'46. Ex-Gov. John W. Stewart was one of the congressional committee appointed to accompany the remains of Chief Justice Waite to Ohio. Mr. Stewart recently introduced a bill into the House appropriating $20,000 to build an iron stairway in the Bennington monument.

'59. M. L. Severance of Manchester will, at the close of the present term at Burr and Burton Seminary, move to Bennington Center, where he has had a call to preach.

'60. Dr. M. H. Eddy has been called out of town several times of late by the illness of his father.

'64. John A. Mead of Rutland has been appointed one of the managers of the Howe Scale Company business in place of Col. John A. Sheldon, who has resigned. The salary is $5000 per annum.

'68. Rev. Charles H. Rowley of Westford, Mass., has been elected fellow of the Royal Microscopic Society.

'69. Col. F. D. Mussey, the correspondent of the Cinccinnati *Commercial Gazette*, is a great favorite with his editor-in-chief, the notorious Murat Halstead, who occasionally gives his lieutenant an editorial puff. In the last puff, after a little taffy, he said Mussey's letter in that issue was alone worth the price of two years' sucscription to the C. C. G. This would equal $28, as the paper is $14 per year. Mussey was delighted with the puff, and, to celebrate the event and get a joke on the editor, he invited three friends to a dinner which was to cost $28 even. After the dinner the Colonel sent a bill for that amount with the editorial enclosed to Mr. H. and awaited developments. They came in this form:

OFFICE COMMERCIAL GAZETTE,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Col. F. D. MUSSEY: Your bill for $28 for dinner with inclosure of editorial received. In reply I enclose you our bill for advertising in editorial column: Seven lines at $5 per line, $35. Balance due $7. Please remit and oblige

Yours truly,

M. HALSTEAD.

'70. In all the mining cases in Colorado this term, S. A. Giffin has been chief counsel. He has covered himself with glory and his bank account with deposits.

'71. At the eleventh annual encampment of the G. A. R., department of Missouri, lately held at Trenton, Hiram Smith was elected commander of the department. He resides at Cameron, where he has practiced since 1873. He took the law course at Michigan University. He is one of the good old veterans who fought for the country and lost an arm and a leg. During his service he saw forty-seven days' fighting, a record which would be hard to beat. He joined the G. A. R. in Vermont in 1867.

'71. Prof. C. W. Hall, of the University of Minnesota, recently presented the college a large number of valuable geological specimens.

'76. W. I. Brown is in the sheep business in Utah Territory.

'76. E. C. Evans was recently installed as pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, St. Paul, Minn.

'77. H. P. Stimson has recently been promoted to the presidency of the American National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri.

'77. Dr. C. B. Warner of Port Henry, N. Y., has a rapidly increasing practice. He is building a new office.

'80. Willis A. Guernsey of Lynn, Mass., has charge of the supplies for electric lighting.

'82. John C. Miller of Boston was married to Miss Stella M. Barber of Fair Haven on Thursday, April 26.

'83. Samuel Sheldon, Ph. D., who has been studying in Germany for the last three years, has returned. He will make teaching his profession.

'84. Elmer Cowles of Weybridge has the position of town superintendent of schools.

## TOWN AND CAMPUS.

Campbell, '91, has left college.

The Kaleidoscope is to appear June 15th.

Some good sporting paper is needed in the reading room.

The Juniors took their first botanizing trip the 30th of April.

Beeman Academy has just received $10,000 in scholarships.

Several students have deserted Starr Hall for rooms down town.

Pease, '90, recently gave a whist party at his rooms.

Bryant, '91, took the examinations for West Point during vacation.

Edgerton, '88, and Walker, '91, are out of college on account of illness.

Professor Yager delivered the Fast-day sermon at the Methodist church.

The Independent Club has not materialized, while the Republican Club sleeps.

Professor Wright delivered an address before the Bristol Graded school recently.

President Brainerd and Professors Eaton and Paton passed the vacation in Boston.

There is a rumor that the present system of examinations is to be radically changed.

The Middlebury College news in the Troy *Budget* is more imaginative than reliable.

The prohibition of Freshmen cane-carrying by the Sophomores seems to be unheeded.

June Mead, '90, supplied the Methodist pulpit during the pastor's absence at conference.

Most of the students remained at home until the first Monday of term, as Friday was Fast day.

President and Mrs. Brainerd recently entertained the Sophomore class and ladies at a sugar party.

Among the inhabitants of Starr Hall is a small alligator, which Austin, '89, brought from Florida.

Prof. C. D. Mead, under whom many Middlebury men of the last sixteen years have fitted, has resigned the principalship of the Graded School.

Work on the base ball grounds has been completed and the entire surface displays a smoothness calculated to delight the hearts of base ball enthusiasts.

The annual convention of the Chi Psi fraternity met at Willard's Hotel, Washington, April 4th and 5th. Alpha Mu was represented by Edgerton, '88, and Harmon, '91.

E. L. Allen, formerly of '88, is studying medicine with his father in Rutland, and C. N. Pray, formerly of '90, is in the law office of Hon. E. B. Sherman, '60, in Chicago.

Howe, '88, and Groves, '90, conducted a very successful dance in the town hall, April 12th. Twenty couples were in attendance. Music was furnished by the Howard Opera House Orchestra.

The Parkerian prize speakers from the Freshman class are: E. W. Benedict for Chi Psi; F. D. Boynton for Delta Kappa Epsilon; A. N. Prentiss for Delta Upsilon; H. C. Palmer for the neutrals.

Mr. A. T. Stratton, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has resigned, to accept a similar position in Dover, N. H. Being a college man, Mr. Stratton's relations with the students were particularly pleasant.

The fraternity tennis courts have been rolled and the game resumed with an enthusiasm the greater from long deprivation. Even those who are loth to rise before the breakfast hour, are wakened by the shouts of scores.

W. H. Button, E. B. Clift, H. M. Goddard, A. A. Lavery, J. E. Mead, L. H. Ross, J. M. Thomas, W. H. VanAllen, have been chosen from the Sophomore class as competitors at the Merrill prize speaking. The appointments were made by the faculty on the basis of marks for rhetoricals.

The material for a good team is better than for years. Seven men, including the battery, of last year's club are in college, while the Freshman class contains some good talent. The manager is endeavoring to arrange games with Rutland, Port Henry, Essex Junction, Hinesburgh and New Haven before the league games. Hard, faithful practice seems to be the only thing necessary to insure success, and it is what we have not seen for the last two years.

At the annual Athletic meeting, held the last Saturday of the winter term, officers were elected, according to the newly-adopted constitution, as follows: President, W. F. Alden; vice-president, A. A. Lavery; secretary, L. H. Ross; treasurer, F. H. Button; football director, W. K. Dunton; base-ball director, R. M. Collins; field-day director, F. F. Douglas. The following officers of the UNDERGRADUATE association were elected at the same meeting: President, F. F. Douglas; vice-president, B. W. Sherman; secretary, H. E. Owen; business manager, H. M. Goddard.

The business block from Bond Bros. to G. E. Marshall's was burned on the night of Friday, April 13. The fire was started by a hand lamp among some papers in Nichols' printing office and before it could be controlled had destroyed the upper story of the entire block. Nearly all the goods were removed from the stores, but loss from water and fire was large. Insurance adjusters formed a large proportion of the inhabitants for several days thereafter, and the work of re-

building has commenced. Through the *Register's* kindness this number of the UNDERGRADUATE appears as usual.

Strolling musicians have furnished music for two very pleasant informal hops.

The musical festival, conducted by Mr. C. S. Cornell of Burlington April 10th and 11th, was a success, despite unfavorable weather. Several students were in the chorus.

As we go to press we learn that the infant son of Prof. Wright is seriously ill with pneumonia. Dr. Smith is in attendance. Dr. Coburn of Troy, N. Y., was called as counsel Tuesday morning.

It is reported that Phi Beta Kappa is to be revived at the coming Commencement. Middlebury was the ninth institution to receive a charter from the Fraternity, and it is a matter of regret that an organization including so many prominent American college men should have been allowed to die among us.

Junior exhibition occurred on March 20. On account of the severity of the weather a hop was deemed inadvisable, and the Brehmer orchestra, which had been engaged, was telegraphed not to come, which was a disappointment to many. The programme was:

1. Historical Oration, The Struggle for the New World.
   Prentiss C. Hoyt, West Addison.
2. Oration, Morrill and his Immigration Bill.
   William F. Alden, Leicester.
3. Oration, An Economic Need.
   Colwort K. P. Cogswell, Middlebury.
4. Oration, Democracy.
   Robert M. Collins, Middlebury.
5. Classical Oration. The Voting Power of Ignorance.
   Leslie H. Raine, West Addison,
6. Oration, Two Experiments.
   Arthur E. Cushman, West Lincoln.
7. Oration, Our Fishery Troubles.
   William K. Dunton, Rutland.
8. Oration, The Scotch People.
   Carlton S. Severance, Manchester.
9. Scientific Oration, Dead Issues?
   Frank F. Douglas, Whiting.

Raine and Hoyt were excused on account of sickness.

## REVIEWS AND EXCHANGES.

As he glances over the piles of college magazines that cover his table, the new exchange editor feels a natural timidity in assuming this department of the UNDERGRADUATE; nor is this by any means lessened when he recalls the fiery tirades of the *Orient* and the *Tech* against exchange editors in general. And when he sees the ghoulish glee with which his western brothers of the pen abuse one another, he is tempted to draw back from his desk and depart. He believes, however, that a properly conducted exchange column is of great value, because it establishes a connection between widely separated colleges and strengthens the fraternal feeling between college men everywhere; and so, despite the wrathful *Orient* and the *Tech*, he takes his pen—and courage.

The April *Reveille* has some graceful verses, "At Eventide," and some courteous words of praise for the UNDERGRADUATE.

The *Williams Weekly* is sadly lacking in alumni notes, and even the usual excellence of its verses cannot fill the deficiency. An outline of the new Williams Co-operative society is worth remark.

The *Sunbeam* is bright and cheerful, as befits its name; but the charming exchange editor opens her department with a pathetic little paragraph on the shortness of the college girl's day, which touches even the heart of an editor across the border.

The cyclone that struck Grinnell some time ago must have blown all the spelling-books out of Iowa College, if one can judge by the orthography of the *News Letter*. Even the awful authority of a State Teachers' Association cannot justify such monstrosities as "hed," or "gard," or "thru." The lesson of the wise man and the bramble-bush might be applicable.

The *Troy High School Record* comes to us with a new and tasteful cover, such as befits one of the brightest high school paper we receive. It is to be doubted whether its editors would permit anything to appear in its columns quite so bad as this, from the *Polytechnic*: "The snow which melts on one side of the road rushes down the gulch to the Atlantic, on the other side the water dashes even faster and whiter to the mighty Pacific. *I expectorate with precision* into each stream and clamber to my seat on the stage."

The *University Herald* presented its readers, with the March issue, a fine etching of Dr. Alexander Winchell. The *Herald* has not suffered by the recent defection from its editorial board, but maintains its usual high standard of excellence.

The "locals" of the *College Rambler*, a comic paper published in Illinois, surely deserve to rank among the curiosities of college journalism. Perhaps such items as "Moses in the picket fence!" or "Moses is getting extravagant; he now hires his room swept and smokes cigars when they are given him," may be tol-

erated; but the preternatural imbecility of this out-Ramblers the *Rambler:* "Gaud blossomed out in a new Prince Albert last Sunday." The local editors might well apply to themselves the line of Juvenal,

"Vervecum in patria crassoque sub aere nasci,"

which for their benefit may be translated, rather freely, "Raised in the home of dunderheads, under the shadow of Illinois College." We wait with breathless eagerness to learn whether the gaudy "Gaud" has invested in a new straw hat or a pair of trousers.

The naive frankness of the "secret" societies at Maine State College is refreshing. One is certainly glad to learn who bears the honor of "W. G. M." for the "Q. T. V. Fraternity," or who the President of "Beta Theta Pi" may be; but the calm innocence which publishes abroad in the *Cadet* that four members of the "Psi of Kappa Sigma" are the "Guards of the Twelfth Gate," certainly excels all the others, and one cannot but hold his breath and wonder who the "First Barkeeper" may be.

The *St. John's College Magazine*, from far-away Winnipeg, has a new version of "Gaudeamus" which deserves notice. The magazine is tastefully gotten up, and its editorials are written carefully and well.

The *Dartmouth* in its last issues maintains a well-earned reputation for bright, entertaining notes and well-turned verses. This deplorable line is found in a sonnet from Petrarch:

"How holdst it me who no consent bestow."

"Drift" is an exquisite little poem, worth a volume of the fustian usually called poetry in college papers.

The *Tuftonian* has an interesting symposium with alumni on the most valuable studies of a college course. The trend of opinion is decidedly adverse to higher mathematics as essentials. One correspondent says, "I believe in sparing a boy needless and useless infliction. The gentlemen who put Calculus, Analytical Geometry and Trigonometry into a course for me can never be forgiven. Far from doing me any service, they utterly perverted my moral nature in respect to these studies." "*O si sic omnes!*"

The last *Dartmouth Lit.* is by all odds the best of such publications on our table this month. A curious study in psychology, "Memoirs of a Suicide," "Thought-Waifs," where some brilliant fancies are surrounded by much that is commonplace and castaneous, a well-written critique of "John Noman," an exquisite sonnet "On Severn's Portrait of John Keats," and a dainty ballade, "Reverie," are the most noteworthy features. The alumni notes, as always, are full of interest to Dartmouth men.

ON SEVERN'S PORTRAIT OF KEATS.

Had I not known thy face, immortal one,
And found unnamed this portraiture of thee,
I might have hailed it as a fantasie;
Or yet a thing that some wild brain had won

From misty region, stranger to the sun;
I might have looked to see it fade and flee
At mortal gaze, like folk of Arcady,
Or those sad shapes that flit when night is done.

The nameless pain in those deep eyes of thine,
As in a dream far-gazing wistfully,
Sometimes I almost think that I could tell;
And oft I fain would link that pain with mine,
When all the world a pest-house seems to be,
And my dark Fate flings over me her spell.

—*Dartmouth Lit.*

REVIEWS.

In view of the melancholy vacancy of the average English mind, regarding America and American laws and customs, the well-written article in a recent *Nineteenth Century* by the American minister, Hon. E. J. Phelps (Middlebury, '40), has a special interest. It is a clear and satisfactory analysis of the American constitution, and lays stress upon the perfect system of checks and balances devised by "the fathers" who wrote it. The paper is to be followed by a more detailed examination of the constitution; and it is to be hoped that our English cousins will profit by the information.

College journalism, notwitstanding its "exchange column," its "college notes" and its "clippings," is properly, but painfully, local; and it is impossible to find in any college journal a comprehensive view of American college life. Now, a true college student is catholic in his interests and his sympathies; and the affairs of his brothers everywhere are sure to interest him. The *University*, a 20 page weekly published in New York, is the one publication that supplies this want, and one finds within its covers the latest news from institutions so far removed as Bowdoin and the University of California, or the Universities of Minnesota and Georgia. Its editorials are able and treat of subjects which concern college men everywhere; the athletic notes are accurate and fresh, and its college letters are newsy and entertaining. A recent issue contains a symposium of college presidents and professors on co-education; and another number has

the views of prominent journalists on "College Men in Newspaper Offices." It is invaluable to every college-bred man whose interest in college life remains, and Middlebury alumni are sure to find the latest news from Alma Mater in its columns.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

Gen. Sherman has presented his life-size portrait to the Harvard library.

Harper & Bros. have presented to Vassar copies of all their historical publications.

"I would rather be a Sophomore at college than Governor of Ohio."—*Gov. Foraker.*

About one-half the space in college papers is devoted to athletics. Is this its just proportion?

Johns Hopkins this year misses its usual income from the dividend of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. This generally amounts to about $120,000.

Some little stir has been noticed of late about reviving Greek-letter fraternities at Princeton. Nothing can be done, however, until Dr. McCosh and his influence die.

By the will of the late Hon. Alden E. Judevine of Hardwick, the University of Vermont will receive the income from about $50,000. The will provides that it be used to aid indigent students.

Prof. Loisette's memory system is becoming very popular among college professors and students. He has classes of over 400 at Yale, Harvard and Columbia, while in Baltimore and Detroit there are classes of over 1000, composed largely of students of Johns Hopkins and the University of Michigan.

A mock Republican nominating convention was recently held at Amherst. The net proceeds were over $100. Why not have something of the sort in Middlebury? It would be a rather better way to raise money than a burnt-cork minstrel show. Perhaps, too, it might lessen the amount of political brawling which now banishes quiet from our dormitories and boarding-house.

The largest prize and greatest honor at Harvard is the "Bowdoin" prize for excellence in English Composition. Separate prizes are awarded to "regulars" and students of the "Annex." All compositions must be handed in sealed without the owner's name. By chance this year the two sets of compositions became mixed and when the best essay was announced the "mark" was found to belong to one of the "Annex" students. According to the bequest she could not receive it and so must content hereself with the modest "Annex" prize of one-fourth the value. Moral, Be a man.

## SPORTING AND PLUNDER.

Gamble, of the Athletics, is training Lehigh's team.

Welch, of the New Yorks, is training the Trinity team.

Yale is to import a professional cricketer from England to train their team.

Cornell's crew this year will be composed of eight men, instead of four, as heretofore.

King, '86, the Princeton pitcher, has signed to play with the Athletics of Philadelphia.

An Inter-Fraternity base-ball league has been organized for the coming season at Cornell.

Harvard is having some difficulty in persuading Quackenboss and Knowlton to play this year.

Requisites for ball players—"Eyes open and mouth shut." Couldn't these apply outside the "Diamond?"

Williams College holds the world's amateur record in throwing the base ball, with a throw of 127 yards 3½ inches.

An electrical peanut roaster is one of the latest inventions of the day. It is hoped that it will reduce the tariff on that commodity.

Senior—Speaking of Junior Ex, "Mr. ——, how did you enjoy the 'Ram' last evening?" Mr. ——. "Very much, it was the best I every saw." Senior—"That was *our* work."

A Western clergyman named Hugg was recently a prominent candidate for the presidency of Vassar. It is probable that had his name been spelled with one "g" the influence of the girls would have elected him.

Recently at Dartmouth in three hours a subscription of over $1700 was raised for the support of their ball nine. That is the kind of spirit that makes winning teams. Our great hindrance to the success of our own team is the lack of proper support. One-seventeenth of the above amount could not be raised here for the same purpose in three days; and yet we hear frequent complaints of the poor work of the team. To this, I think, can be attributed the reason

why three or four of our best players, men who have been the back-bone of the team since they have been in college, refuse to have anything to do with it this season. If the college puts a team into the field it is the duty of every man to give it proper support, and if they can't do this, then the honorable thing to do is to acknowledge that we as a college are unable to keep alive an enterprise that nearly every preparatory school is able to support.

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